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SUBJECT: ERDA/CEA GENERAL NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

REF: A) STATE 215586, B) BECKJORD TO VENDRYES LETTER
OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1976

1. ERDA COMMENTS CONTAINED REFTEL A ON PATENT MATTERS
HAVE BEEN BRIEFLY DISCUSSED WITH CEA OFFICIALS. THEY
APPRECIATE ERDA'S AGREEMENTS CONTAINED THEREIN AND
BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A GOOD PROBABILITY OF REACHING
AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT OF ARTICLE 8.

2. BECKJORD'S LETTER WAS RECEIVED AND NOT COMPLETELY
UNDERSTOOD. EMBASSY SCICOUN EXPLAINED THAT BOTH PARTIES
STOOD TO BEHEFIT BY INFORMALLY DISCUSSING WHAT EACH
INTENDS TO BE COVERED IN THE VARIOUS TOPICS EACH HAD
PROPOSED FOR THE VARIOUS SUBJECT AREAS INCLUDED IN
ARTICLE 2 OF THE LMFBR PROTOCOL. CEA EASILY ACCEPTS
THIS POINT BUT DOES NOT APPEAR ANXIOUS TO HAVE SUCH A
SESSION TURN INTO A NEGOTIATING MEETING.

3. AS AN INITIAL REACTIOH TO THE BECKJORD LETTER,
CEA PROPOSED THAT THIS SUBJECT BE DISCUSSED BY
CEA DIRECTOR GENERAL GIRAUD AND ERDA ADMINISTRATOR
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SEAMANS WHILE BOTH ARE AT THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE

IN RIO DE JANEIRO. SCICOUN INDICATED THAT CEA COULD ASSUME THAT ERDA WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL STATUS OF OUR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT HE WOULD ENCOURAGE ERDA BY CABLE TO BE SPECIFICALLY PREPARED TO PURSUE THE SUBSTANCE OF BECKJORD'S SEPTEMBER 2 LETTER.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE CEA WOULD NO DOUBT AGREE TO A VISIT BY THE U.S. TEAM TO INFORMALLY DISCUSS DETAILED VIEWS OF EACH AGENCY'S OWN TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LMFBR PROTOCOL. PERHAPS THIS COULD BE COVERED WITH THE RECENTLY SCHEDULED, AND THEN CANCELLED, VISIT BY THE CRBRP TEAM. IT IS THE NATURE OF THE DISCUSSIONS DESIRED BY ERDA THAT SHOULD BE WELL IDENTIFIED AND AGREED IN THE SUGGESTED SEAMANS-GIRAUD MEETING. PLEASE CABLE RESULTS OF THAT SESSION.
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